

CARPENTERS

Men with skill to build with wood and nails and fashion furniture were badly needed in the early days of any community, and Midway was no exception. Fortunately, Midway had many who were skilled in the building trades, and they added much to the community.

Many of the first settlers that came into Midway were craftsmen who had been trained in carpentry in Europe or in the east. Many of them had helped erect the Nauvoo Temple and then had moved west with the Church under Brigham Young.

Homes, schools, churches and furniture were built by the hands of these craftsmen. Their skills also extended to tiny pieces of furniture for their little daughters at Christmas time, and to coffins in times of bereavement.

Such craftsmen as Moroni Blood worked on many coffins of native lumber, building them with patience and love. With his work-hardened hands Mr. Blood tacked lace around the edges of the box to lessen the harshness of death.

Included among Midway's carpenters are such men as Jeremiah

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HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

Robey Sr., Jeremiah Robey, Jr., John Van Wagoner Sr., Peter Galli, Johannes Sonderegger, Fred Haueter, Peter Shirts, and Fred Kohler. *572*